

# MENLO PARK RECORDER

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## MERCHANTS ORGANIZE

### Business Men Form Menlo Booster Body

At a meeting called to order by F. J. Furnivall last Tuesday night in the Club Rooms of the Improvement Association, the boosting spirit of the business men and merchants of Menlo Park was shown by forming the Menlo Park Merchants' Association and the election of officers and committees.

After a few brief remarks by Mr. Furnivall, which were right to the point and outlined the purposes of the association he called for nominations and the following officers were elected:

President, John Morey.  
Vice-president, Mark P. Montgomery.

Secretary, E. J. McLoughlin.  
Treasurer, J. E. Strong.

Executive committee—George C. Stowell, John H. Sullivan, Miss Emma Noel, L. E. Harris and J. Beardsley, W. E. Dale.

E. J. McLoughlin reported as the treasurer on the whist party last Friday night as follows:

Received from merchants.....\$45  
Door money ..... 44

Total .....\$89

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing .....\$10.00

Hall rent ..... 5.00

Cash Prizes ..... 2.00

Cards ..... 1.50

Boys ..... 1.50

Prizes ..... 30.00

Total .....\$50.00

This will leave a balance on hand of \$39.

L. E. Harris made a motion that the association be called the "Menlo Park Merchants' Association" which was duly seconded and carried.

#### KING OF WILD HORSES DOES THRILLING STUNTS

In all the years of his wild, care-free, outlaw life, the beautiful, powerful Black had never known defeat among his own, or capture by man. He was of a breed that knew not bit nor bridle—a king among his kind—the vast plans for his kingdom, a herd of mates for his subjects, a high cliff for his throne, from which he kept eternal vigilance.

Many men had seen the Black and chased him, but none had ever caught him because, if some persevered long enough to drive him into a tight corner, he had one last trick—there was a gap that no other horse had ever leaped without plunging to death!

The horse, untamed and powerful, really a king among his kind, performs many daring stunts. Without a rider on his back he leaps across a broad chasm; he fights off a white stallion who tries to steal his herd; he rushes into the fiery furnace of a forest fire; he dives from a high cliff into a swirling whirlpool; he races like the wind leaving other horses far behind his dust. A magnificent, noble creature!

"The King of Wild Horses" will be the main attraction at the Menlo Theatre on Wednesday evening, December 23, 1925.

Menlo people please notice that the regular performance will be held Wednesday night this week on account of Thursday being Christmas Eve.

FOUND—Watch chain and fob. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for ad.

It was announced that a card party would be held this evening and that the prizes for it would aggregate \$40 and that a larger crowd than last time would be in attendance.

Mr. Furnivall spoke strongly in favor of getting behind the two words Menlo Park and making them mean something, and all concurred in his idea.

J. H. Sullivan suggested that the State Automobile Association be requested to sign the roads leading to the Dumbarton Bridge from Menlo Park and the matter will be attended to.

Mark Montgomery stressed the fact that Menlo Park was entitled to, and should have a good share of the business the would come by way of the big bridge when it was done.

J. H. Sullivan again spoke and told how the original conception of the plan to bridge the bay originated in this town at a meeting held in Duff & Doyle Hall.

John Britton of the Bear Gulch Water Company said that the population of Menlo Park had grown three times in five years, a fine showing.

Miss Emma Noel stressed the fine train service given by the Southern Pacific and said that the Company was entitled to praise for what they are doing.

It was suggested that literature setting forth the advantages of Menlo be gotten out and Britton said that the water company had a map which could possibly be used on this printed matter.

A motion to the effect that the Association meet every Tuesday night carried and the meeting adjourned.

#### DUMBARTON BRIDGE NOW REPORTED HALF FINISHED

According to an announcement made this week by Frank M. Cortel-y, engineer in charge of the Dumbarton bridge work, the big span is now half finished and the work will be completed by June 1, 1926 if the present plans are carried out.

Eight of the ten main piers are already completed and all of the concrete piles are in. The first of the truss spans for the bridge arrived in Redwood City last Monday it is reported.

The Dumbarton bridge begins directly east of Menlo Park and upon its completion the immense amount of traffic which will pass over it will come through the town which should add very materially to its prosperity. The bridge itself is one and one-quarter miles in length and is to be for the accommodation of vehicular traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Cooper and children have been passing the week in San Francisco.

#### SECOND MERCHANTS' PARTY TO BE HELD TONIGHT HERE

The first of a series of card parties under the auspices of the newly organized Merchants' Association of Menlo Park was held last Friday evening in Duff & Doyle hall here and enjoyed a record attendance. Forty-five tables were occupied by interested players many of whom were out-of-town people.

The second party will be held tonight and the committee composed of Victor Dupont, F. J. Furnivall and E. J. McLoughlin is working hard for its success.

#### TOYON BERRY VANDALS ARRESTED LAST SUNDAY

Forty persons were arrested on the highways of the county last Sunday by Traffic Officer Elgin Kreiss and Fire Warden Bert L. Werder of Redwood for picking toyon berries in violation of the provisions of the state law which prohibits persons from picking greenery and decorative shrubbery from unenclosed or closed tracts of land without written permission from the owner of the property.

These attractive "Christmas red berries" add greatly to the scenic effects along the highways and byways and are the prized possession of nature lovers all over the state, but many thoughtless vandals who pick the berries and destroy the shrubs along roadsides are rapidly denuding the state of this beautiful wild growth. The authorities in San Mateo county are determined to enforce the law as much as possible to protect the beauties of the great-outdoors.

The supervisors at their meeting last Monday instructed the county clerk to commend Officers Kreiss and Werder for their good work in taking up the vandals and requested them to continue the crusade and reduce the practice of denuding the roadsides of their attractive shrubbery.

The forty persons arrested were cited to appear before Justice of the Peace Ray Griffin in Redwood City.

#### ESTATE OF JOHN ROSS LEFT TO MARY PARIS, A FRIEND

John Ross, local gardner, who was killed on Sunday, December 6 at the Oak Grove avenue crossing when the machine in which he was riding with Peter Cereghini was struck by a Southern Pacific train, left a will which bequeathes more than \$2,000 to his friend, Mary Paris of Mills avenue, it was revealed in a petition filed in the office of County Clerk Elizabeth M. Kneese last Friday.

The petition was filed by Attorney James T. O'Keefe on behalf of the beneficiary and asks probate of the will dated August 12, 1919, at Menlo Park.

Proceeds from a \$2,000 life insurance policy, cash amounting to \$175 and money due Mr. Ross make up the estate, all of which was left to Mrs. Paris, with whom he made his home for a number of years.

#### EAST PALO ALTO NAME OF DISTRICT IN S. M. COUNTY

The entire district lying across the San Francisco creek east of the city of Palo and composing the communities of Ravenswood and East Palo will hereafter be officially designated as East Palo Alto according to the result of a vote cast on the question last Saturday which resulted in 325 votes being cast by the interested residents of the community. East Palo Alto was favored with 504 votes while Ravenswood received 321.

While the election is not an official action it is hoped by the residents that the mooted question of the name will be done away with and that the will of the majority will be adhered to. It is stated that the Ravenswood Parent-Teacher Association and the Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, which cover the entire district will not be affected by the new name. The balance of the Ravenswood School District will continue to be known as formerly, North Palo Alto, Menlo Oaks and Menlo Park.

Pupils and teachers of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Sunday School will gather at the church next Wednesday evening for the annual Christmas tree and entertainment. A good program will be rendered and Santa is scheduled to make an appearance and distribute gifts to the scholars.

#### STANFORD-OREGON AGGIE POLO MATCH SET FOR MONDAY P. M.

The Oregon Agricultural College Polo Team will arrive here this week end to play Stanford in the first inter-sectional game of the season Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Stanford polo field.

The Aggies are on their way south to play the University of Arizona four, and will meet Stanford again January 2 on their return trip.

The Card team has been hit hard through the loss of Captain Fred Trotter, star back, who suffered a broken arm in an automobile accident recently and will be unable to get into condition until next year. Baker will play his position at No. 4.

The lineup of the Cardinal four will be Krohn No. 1, Brown No. 2, Vanderbaugh No. 3, Baker No. 4.

The recent intramural tourney came to a close last week with Team A taking the silver trophy offered the winner. The matches afforded some fast play, and several promising candidates for the varsity four were uncovered. Team A lineup was Austin No. 1, Rockwell No. 2, Sherard No. 3, Davis No. 4.

#### REPORTS OF YEAR'S WORK MADE BY NORTH FAIR OAKS IMPROVEMENT CLUB SAT.

According to reports made at the meeting of the North Fair Oaks Improvement Club last Saturday night at the Hunt home on Sixth avenue a fine record has been made during the first year of the club's existence. Twenty-six members and two visitors attended the meeting Saturday evening.

Some of the improvements secured through the club's activity are improved street lights, electric lights on Middlefield road and Park avenue, fire hydrants, gas mains on Fifth avenue and street signs.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of more than two hundred dollars and it was stated that the club is now looking for a suitable location upon which to erect a club house.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. Moore, president; J. L. Tonnson, vice-president; Mrs. A. Grundy, secretary; J. Faulstick, treasurer; J. Hurson, J. Tyrell, A. Remmer, E. Jewell, Charles Knight, W. Hunt and W.

#### MENLO PARK P. T. A. ENJOYS TALK ON CHILDREN'S BOOKS

At the regular meeting of the Menlo Park Parent-Teacher Association held last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium a delightful talk on "Children's Books" was given by Miss Sadie Hoffman of the Paul Elder Company, San Francisco. She urged that a new book be obtained for every child in the home and emphasized the direction of the reading habit very young in order to instill the desire for good books in the child at an early period in his development. She also urged mothers to read with their children. An appropriate dramatic reading, "The Happy Prince" was given by Miss Hoffman in conclusion.

Miss Holroyd, county librarian, assisted by Mrs. Jay T. Cooper had a splendid collection of children's books from the county library on display and graciously assisted interested mothers in making out suitable lists of books for Christmas.

This was one of the most interesting programs ever presented at the P. T. A. meeting and the association is very grateful to the Paul Elder Company for their cooperation in sending the speaker free of charge as a part of the community service work which they are engaged in.

#### JUDGE HUDNER'S DECISION ACCEPTED—NO APPEAL

At a meeting held in Kuck's hotel last Monday night by the Incorporation committee it was decided after a long discussion to drop the appeal from the decision of Judge Hudner and hold the incorporation election as per the map allowed by the board of supervisors.

Attorney Joseph Gordon was on hand and explained all legal matters and was asked to request that the supervisors cure the flaw in the proceedings.

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#### P. T. A. WILL PRESENT LAS LOMITAS SCHOOL PHONOGRAPH

The bazaar and entertainment of the Las Lomitas Parent-Teacher Association held last Saturday afternoon and evening was an unprecedented success from start to finish and all who attended had the time of their lives.

Mrs. E. H. Werthman, chairman of the ways and means committee and her excellent committees deserve great credit for the way in which the affair was handled. Three hundred dollars was realized and the school will be presented with a lovely new Victrola as a Christmas present as the result of the bazaar.

The booths attracted much attention by their wonderful display of fancy articles. The dolls were exceedingly lovely and all found new mammas. Mrs. H. Skelton presided over the home cooked food booth and disposed of many tempting dishes. Mrs. P. E. Davidson had one of the most popular concessions of the bazaar, the waffle stand, and certainly did a rushing business for several hours. Candy as usual was one of the chief attractions and with Mrs. E. Britton in charge netted a neat sum for the fund. Mrs. Ben Rogers served coffee and hot buttered buns, while Miss Bernadette Clark presided at the punch bowl during the dancing. Four hundred delicious home-made tamales were sold under the supervision of Mrs. J. B. Feliz. Mrs. W. Malcolm had charge of the grab bag concession which gave much amusement to the kiddies and also the older ones and was completely closed out.

The fancy work booth in charge of Mrs. E. Dumesnil deserves special praise for the large number of handsome articles on hand and the nice sum it added to the fund.

The beautiful doll was awarded to Mrs. J. H. Heltzel of Menlo Park while the hand made bed spread went to Eugene Simon of San Francisco.

Miss E. Chase at the fortune telling booth was the most popular attraction of the evening. People were waiting in line to hear their future all evening and quite a number were disappointed. According to reports, two fortune tellers could have been successfully used.

A program of choruses, quartets and duets was rendered by the older pupils of the school and the junior classes under the supervision of Mrs. Hilda Harcastle and Miss Helen Moonjean presented the characters from story-book land in a pleasing way. All in all the affair was most pleasant and profitable and the P. T. A. is to be complimented upon its success.

#### IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION XMAS TREE FOR MONDAY

The Menlo Park Improvement Association will hold its annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the Parish House on Monday night. A good time is assured all who attend and Santa will be there with presents. The Improvement Association band will be on hand to furnish the music for the occasion.

The board voted to continue its aid of \$240 per month to cover the expenses of five field men and an inspector employed by the United States Public Health Service in squirrel control work in the county.

#### TWO CALIFORNIA GIRLS TO BE GIVEN MEDALS IN CONTEST

The two California girls who were named as winners of the American Legion scholarship essay contest for this state will be awarded their medals this week it was announced by the Legion authorities yesterday.

The first prize medal is to be given to Miss Elinor Cole of Placerville and the second prize award for the best essay received from the California Schools will go to Miss Mary Louise Cleveland of Selma.

The awards will be made by State Commander Allen B. Bixby and State Adjutant James K. Fisk. The essays of the two girl students have been entered in the National contest by the Legion officials.

Trade at home and help the town.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

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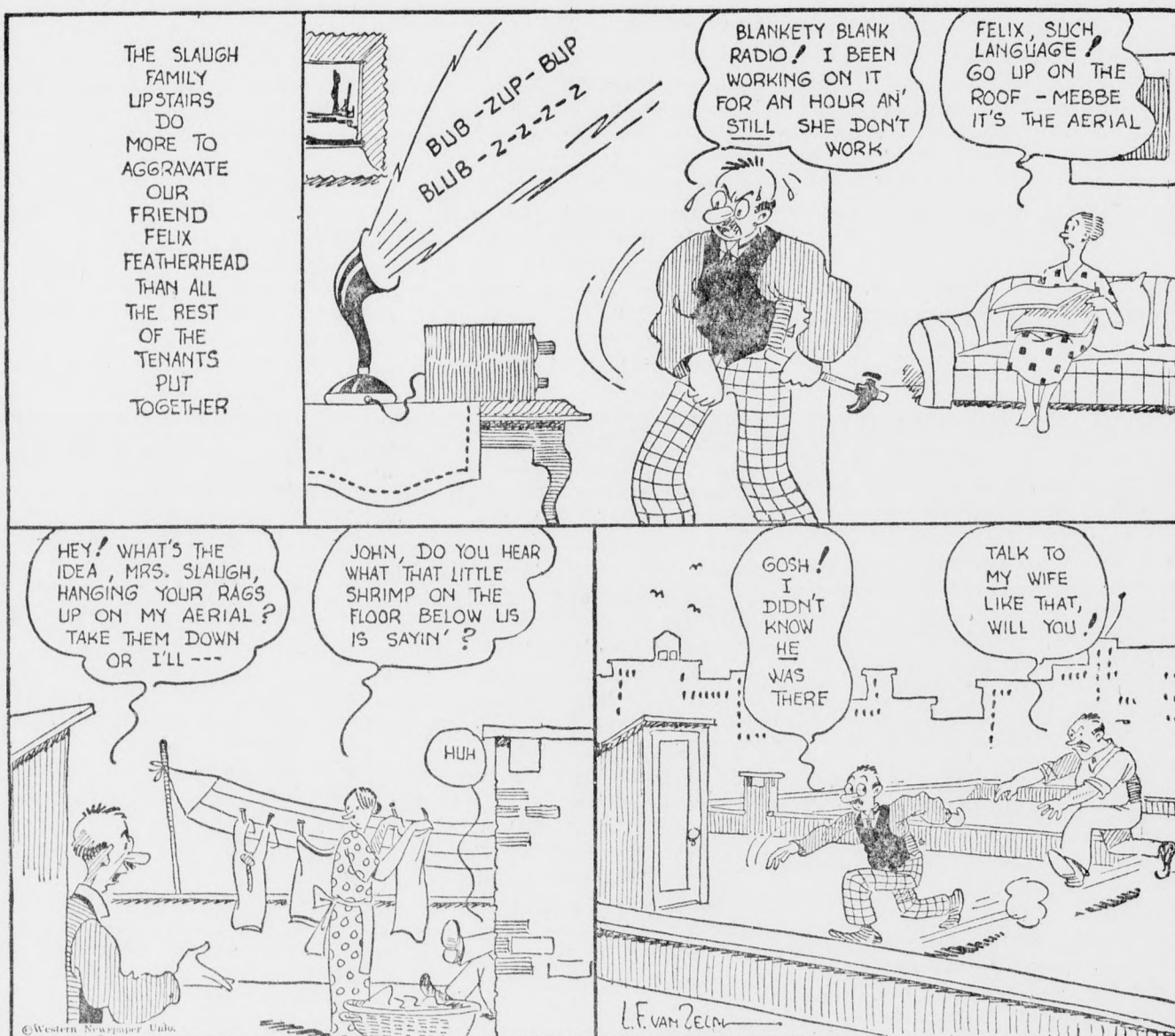
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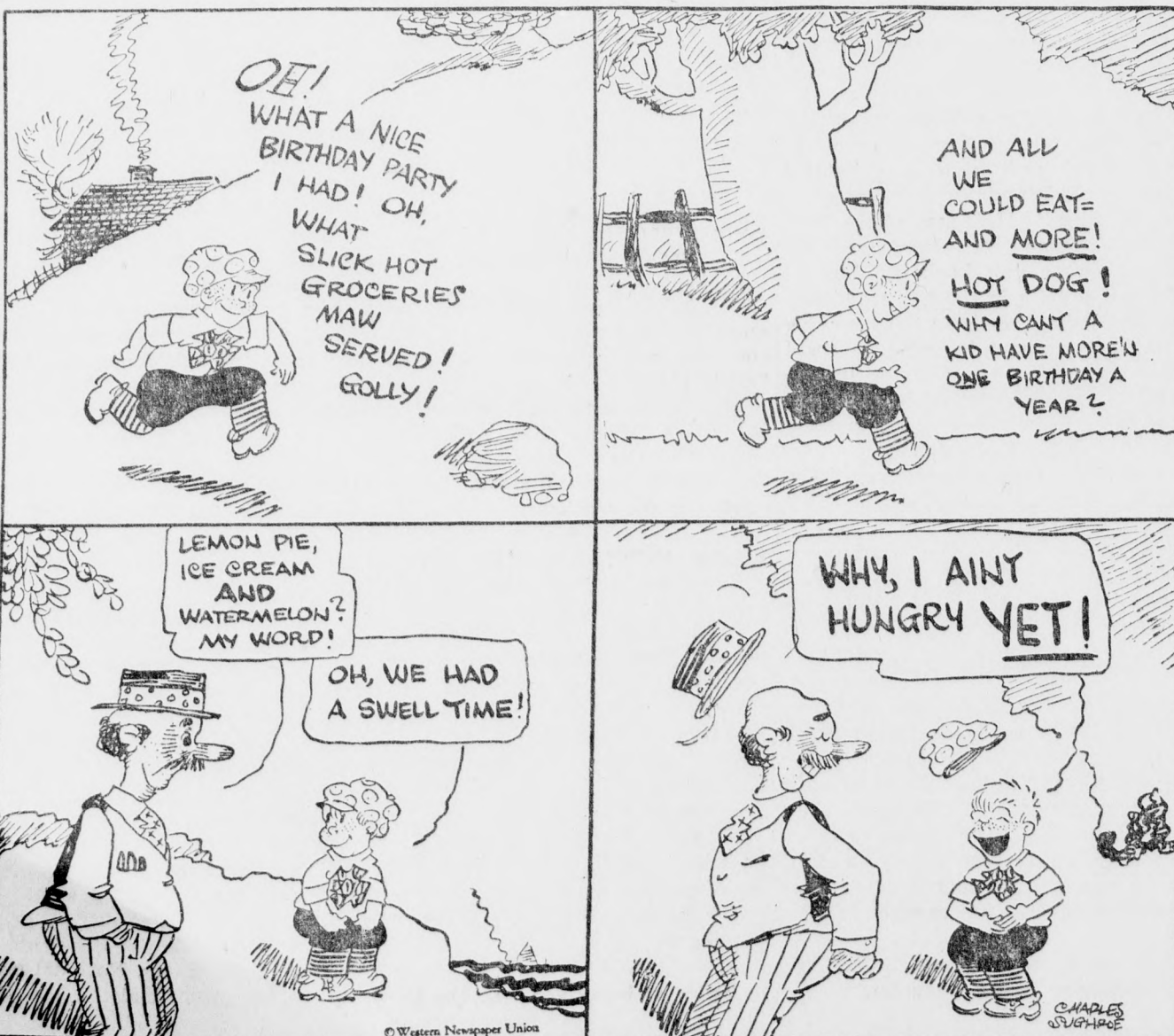


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## THE FEATHERHEADS



## MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



## CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

### "It's a Privilege to Live in California."

Sale of the Sperry Flour company's Capitol mill at Stockton, San Joaquin county, was announced and confirmed by E. B. Henley, head of the land sale department of the Sperry company. Purchasers are Chadwick, Sykes & Stone of San Francisco, who acquired the property for speculative purposes. The Sperry plant, consisting of three large 4-story units and other buildings, is located on the Stockton waterfront and has been idle since activities here were transferred to the Vallejo plant of the Sperry company a year ago. The Capitol mill, office buildings and a vacant half block of property were held at \$280,000.

The popular theory that modern girls are deserting the home for the field of business is all wrong, according to the state educational authorities following a survey of activities of 577 former California high school students from 1919 to the present time. Though 72 per cent of these girls took commercial training in the schools, very few of them have entered upon business careers and 80 per cent of them are now engaged in "home making."

A contract was awarded by the Jean Juillard Hotel company of Del Monte for the erection of the projected San Carlos hotel at Franklin and Main streets, Monterey, Monterey county. It will be a 7-story class A structure. It will contain 150 guest rooms and will cost \$258,374. A feature of the hotel will be a solarium on the roof, which will be one hundred feet above the street. This will include an apartment, dance hall and roof garden.

In the report made by the Marin county farm adviser, M. B. Boissevain, to the director of the agricultural extension at the University of California, it is shown that eighteen projects have been carried on during the past year in co-operation with the county farm bureau. The projects are grouped according to the various lines of agriculture they cover. Under soil fertilizer tests are being carried out on pear and prune trees at Novato.

Acting under instructions from the board of supervisors, District Attorney Charles E. Johnson of Yreka, Siskiyou county, is preparing suits by which Siskiyou county will attempt to collect back debts owing the county hospital, amounting to several thousand dollars. Some of the bills are for small amounts. Others run into hundreds of dollars, according to Dr. Charles Pius, superintendent of the institution.

Fire of a mysterious origin destroyed the lumber mill at Spring Garden, Plumas county, of W. D. Thomas, wholesale lumber dealer of Sacramento, causing a loss of \$60,000. The plant had been closed down about a month ago and had since been unoccupied. The blaze was discovered by the caretaker, but it had made too much headway to allow saving the plant.

A summer school will be conducted at the College of the Pacific at Stockton, San Joaquin county, for a 6-week period next year. A tentative schedule of instructors and subjects will be issued shortly after the holidays. Approximately twenty subjects will be offered and at least thirteen regular instructors of the college will be members of the summer school faculty.

Business interests in Glenn county are up in arms against the anti-dancing ordinance adopted recently by the board of supervisors. A petition, signed by a majority of the business men of Willows, Orland, Hamilton City, Artois and Butte City, asks immediate repeal of the ordinance on the ground that it only serves to drive away business from this county.

Stockton, San Joaquin county, postal receipts since the first of the year have increased 11 per cent over the receipts for the corresponding period in 1924 and indicate that the office after the first of the year will be advanced from the \$250,000-\$300,000 class to the \$300,000-\$350,000 class. Total receipts during the first eleven months were \$268,392.

Contracts have been let, leases signed and actual building operations will commence on January 15 on a 5-story hotel building on the corner of Main street and West Lake avenue, in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county. The building is to be a class A, reinforced concrete, will contain one hundred rooms and is to cost approximately \$250,000.

Susanyville, Lassen county, already is making preliminary plans for the entertainment of the state convention of the American Legion there next year. M. D. Collins, county farm adviser, has been named chairman of the general citizens' committee, with Dr. F. L. Hill as vice-chairman.

Dr. George Ebricht of San Francisco, president of the state board of health, has announced that the cases of infantile paralysis which had been prevalent throughout the state in the summer and fall had now disappeared and that no more concern is being felt by health authorities.

The Masonic Temple association, Contra Costa county, is having plans prepared for the remodeling of the two-story brick building at Eighth street and Macdonald avenue, Richmond. It will be transformed into a hall building for the four Masonic lodges of that city.

The Antioch-Live Oak, Contra Costa county, school bond election carried by a vote of 544 to 71.

An estate valued at more than \$65,000 was left by David Douglas, retired rancher of Petaluma, Sonoma county.

During the month of November Miss Gladys Roberts, city clerk of Petaluma, Sonoma county, issued building permits totaling \$23,510.

Ovid Holmes, formerly a deputy sheriff of Sonoma county, has been appointed deputy fish and game commissioner of Mendocino county.

The new 4-story addition to the Weed Lumber company factory at Weed, Siskiyou county, has now been completed and is being used.

After a year's somnolence, Mount Lassen has resumed activities with a spectacular eruption, which continued without abatement for two hours.

Work is progressing rapidly on the reservoir and dam being built by the town of Antioch, Contra Costa county. R. P. Easley was awarded the contract for the work.

Associate Justice William H. Waste of Berkeley has been named chief justice of the California supreme court to succeed Chief Justice Louis W. Meyers, resigned.

An option is to be taken by the Sutter club on property worth \$100,000 at Eleventh and L streets, Sacramento, as a probable site for a proposed new building for the club.

The state board of prison directors, at a meeting recently at Folsom prison, voted to abandon the idea of establishing the proposed prison farm in San Joaquin county.

The estate of the late Miss Adeline Mills of Sacramento, daughter of the late D. O. Mills, pioneer banker of California, has been appraised at \$621,224. Miss Mills died last May in Italy.

With a slight excess of receipts over expenditures reported, the directors of the Alturas Roundup association, at Alturas, Modoc county, voted to continue the wild west show there next year.

S. K. Herzog of San Rafael, Marin county, has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanforan their third interest in what is known as the Marie Valencia ranch at Ignacio, Marin county.

A San Francisco architect is completing plans for the construction of a two-story class A hospital building for the county of San Luis Obispo. It will have accommodations for forty patients.

An architect is preparing plans for a 4-story reinforced concrete college building for the Sacred Heart novitiate at Los Gatos, Santa Clara county. It is proposed to erect a building costing about \$250,000.

The Chamber of Commerce of Novato, Marin county, has given permission to the highway commission to erect a large "slow down" sign at the intersection where the main street of Novato enters the highway.

The value of advertising the Sacramento valley was a subject discussed by the representatives of the Sacramento Valley Secretaries' association at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce at Sacramento recently.

W. E. Richards, prominent resident of Sonoma county, has just celebrated his sixty-third year as a resident of Upper Dry Creek. Richards has figured prominently in the history and development of the Healdsburg section.

Bankers and bank officials of Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt and Lake counties, comprising group eight of the state bankers' association, met at Santa Rosa recently under the chairmanship of William Bromley of Ukiah.

Depressions on each side of the highway from the city limits of Leona, Kings county, to the Coalinga highway intersection are to be filled in and trees will be planted along the road, it is announced by Supervisor M. C. Carter.

Several residents of Petaluma, Sonoma county, have been summoned to appear in the United States district court at Denver in the case of the United States vs. Charles I. Link. Several months ago Link was indicted by the federal grand jury.

A campaign to raise \$1,120,000 with which to establish the University of Los Angeles was opened at Los Angeles recently. The university will be an inter-denominational institution at which will be taught the fundamental spirit and the scriptures.

Sixty-eight of the members of the Honor Scholarship society of the Stockton, San Joaquin county, high school are girls, according to the list prepared by Miss Mary McGlothlin, faculty adviser of the society. There are 109 names on the list.

Work is to be commenced at once on the railroad which will be run from Tobin, Plumas county, to the reservoir of the Feather River Power company at Bucks ranch, according to the announcement of William Watson, resident engineer of the corporation.

Meeting by chance at Yuba City, Sutter county, a few weeks ago, after years of separation following a decree of divorce granted in Oklahoma, Leonard F. Black and Ursula L. Black found their former love rekindled. Now they are enjoying their second honeymoon.

California nurserymen and florists have been invited by the Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, association to come to that city next year to hold their annual gathering. It is planned during the session to hold a monster flower show and specially feature Luther Burbank's flowers.

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### POINTED PICKUPS

Whatever advice you give, be short.—Horace.

Fine feathers do not make fine birds for a pot pie.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.—Hamlet.

A matchmaker often gets her fingers burned.

Impression made by beauty is more than skin deep.

Real gratitude is never ashamed of humble benefactors.

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Some men are born for matrimony, some achieve matrimony—but most of them are merely poor dodgers.

Death brings to some people the only real knowledge of life they ever had.

Truth is strengthened by observation and time; pretense by haste and uncertainty.—Tacitus.

A man is always anxious to help another if he sees a chance to help himself.

I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories.—Washington Irving.

Some people can even make lead float where others will see their straw sink.—Yugo-Slav Proverb.

We may see all things come to somebody else if we only wait long enough.

### Trailing by a Hair

Given a single hair the modern scientific tracker of criminals is able to discover with the aid of his microscope the sex, approximate age and nationality of its late owner.

### Pearls on Half Shell

A. J. Alpin while dining at the Putnam Inn on the Connecticut shore not long ago was served with a plate of oysters. Upon eating them, he one by one found three pearls, all apparently almost perfect specimens and graduated in size.

### Takes All Fun Out of 'Em

Gifts much expected are paid, not given.—Benjamin Franklin.

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## WAY CLEARED FOR INCORPORATION

At a meeting held last Monday night the way was cleared for the incorporation of Menlo Park by a vote of those present favoring the acceptance of the decision of Judge Hudner, who upheld the ruling of the supervisors in outlining the territory allowed for incorporation.

Now that the matter has been decided and will come to a vote it behooves all residents in the district affected to get together and cast a solid vote for incorporation. There should be no room for petty feeling in the matter as the advantages of incorporation are so apparent if given a little study.

As we have pointed out before there need be but two or three salaried officers, and the salaries need not be large. Most of the public spirited men of the community will gladly donate the necessary time to administer the city's affairs and in this manner keep taxation to a minimum.

There are so many advantages to be gained by incorporation that we do not have now that it would seem every one would be unanimous in the decision of the matter at the polls.

It was an extremely wise move when it was determined not to carry this fight to the higher courts as the matter would then have been tied up anywhere from 90 days to two years and then we might have found ourselves in exactly the same position as now. There would have been a lot of added expense for attorney's fees and the court costs with nothing gained. It was surely a wise move.

Let us hope that the residents of Menlo Park will be as wise when they vote on the matter and put Menlo Park on the Map as a city and give her the place which is rightfully hers.

## MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION BIG ASSET

With the organization last Tuesday night of a live association of local merchants and business men a big step toward prosperity was taken. The meeting was well attended and the spirit and unity of purpose was the best that could have been displayed.

There are many activities which an organization of this kind can engage in which will upbuild the city and educate the people of the community to the necessity of buying at home. This will be a big help to the merchant and buyer alike and all will profit thereby.

The most notable features of the evening were the united front presented by those present and the determination to work for the advancement of Menlo Park. All else was forgotten and the entire trend of the arguments advanced were to get behind those two words "MENLO PARK."

By keeping this unity of spirit and working together, giving the other fellow a chance for his views and talking things over before coming to a decision on matters of importance, and above all holding regular meetings the new era for local prosperity can well and honestly be assured to the city. It has taken many years to get the merchants of the city awakened to the possibilities and now that it has been done the Menlo Park Merchants Association should be kept alive and in a healthy condition.

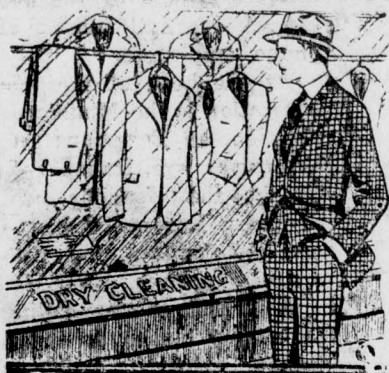
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At the head of the telephone organization is the Minister of Communication, an Egyptian; the telephone executives are Italian, French or Greeks; the telephone engineers are Southern Europeans with some Syrians and natives and the operators are also natives.

A British officer calling a fellow officer will ask for the number in Italian, switch to Arabic when he is connected with the switchboard of his colleague's department, address his colleague's secretary in French and, of course, employ his own tongue in talking to his brother officer.

The machine switching system will remove the necessity for familiarity with so many languages, but the telephone wires will still carry polyglot speech of many nationalities.

T. Patterson is suffering from an injured hand which was received at the county gravel quarry while he was at work.

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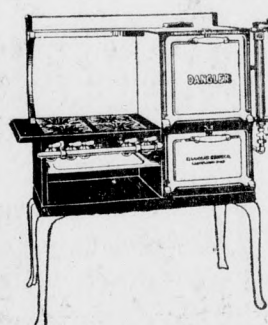
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# The BLACK GANG

A Sequel to Bulldog Drummond.

BY CYRIL McNEILE SAPPER  
W.N.C. Service

## CHAPTER XII—Continued

"No go, darling," he muttered. "And I'm afraid of making too much noise. I'm going to try and force this window."

By a stroke of luck he had not taken his clasp-knife, and by a still greater stroke of luck he found that the catch on the window had been broken, and that it proved even easier to open than he had thought.

The next moment he had vanished into the drawing-room. And now he noticed that that strange noise which he had heard while standing on the lawn was much louder. As he cautiously opened the door and peered into the passage the very faint hum became a steady drone, while with each successive thud the floor-boards shook a little.

The passage was in darkness, though light was shining from under some of the doors. And as he crept along in search of the stairs he heard voices proceeding from one of the rooms he passed. Evidently a fairly populous household, it struck him, as he tested the bottom stair with his weight to see if it creaked. But the staircase was old and solid, and the stair carpet was thick, and at the moment Hugh was not disposed to linger. Afterward the house seemed to promise a fairly fruitful field for investigation; at present Phyllis was all that mattered. So he vanished upwards with the uncanny certainty of all his movements at night, and a moment later he was standing on the landing above.

It was a long, straight corridor, a replica of the one below, and he turned in the direction in which he knew her room must lie. And he had only taken a couple of steps when he stopped abruptly, peering ahead with eyes that strove to pierce the darkness. For it seemed to him that there was something in the passage—something darker than its surroundings. And at that moment something sprang out of the darkness, and he found himself fighting for his life.

For a second or two he was at a disadvantage, so completely had he been taken by surprise; then the old habits returned. And not a moment too soon; he was up against an antagonist who was worthy of him. Two hands like iron hooks were round his neck, and the man who gets that grip first wins more often than not. His own hands shot out into the darkness, and then for the first time in his life he felt a stab of fear. For he couldn't reach the other man; long though his arms were, the other man's were longer, and as his hands went along them he could feel the muscles standing out like steel bars. He made one supreme effort to force through to his opponent's throat and it failed; with his superior reach he could keep his distance. Already Drummond's head was beginning to feel like bursting with the awful pressure round his throat, and he knew he must do something at once or lose. And just in time he remembered his clasp-knife. It went against his grain to use it; never before had he fought an unarmed man with a weapon—and as far as he could tell this man was unarmed. But it had to be done and done quickly.

With all his force he stabbed sideways at the man's left arm. He heard a snarl of pain, and the grip of one of the hands round his throat relaxed. And now the one urgent thing was to prevent him shouting for help. Like a flash Drummond was on him, one hand on his mouth and the other gripping his throat with the grip he had learned from Osaki the Jap in days gone by, and had never forgotten. And because he was fighting to kill now he wasted no time. The grip tightened; there was a dreadful worrying noise as the man bit into his thumb—then it was over. The man slipped downward onto the floor, and Drummond stood drawing in great mouthfuls of air.

But he knew there was no time to lose. Though they had fought in silence, and he could still hear the monotonous thud and the beat of the engine, at any moment someone might come upstairs. And to be found with a dead man at one's feet in a strange house is not the best way of securing a hospitable welcome. What to do with the body—that was the first instant problem. There was no time for intricate schemes; it was a question of taking risks and chancing it. So for a moment or two he listened at the door of a room, then he gently opened it. It was a bedroom and empty, and without further hesitation he dragged his late opponent in, and left him lying on the floor. By the dim light from the uncurtained window, he could see that the man was almost deformed, so enormous was the length of his arms.

They must have been six inches longer than those of an average man, and were almost as powerful as his own. And as he saw the snarling, ferocious face upturned to his, he uttered a little prayer of thanksgiving for the presence of his clasp-knife. It had been altogether too near a thing for his liking.

He closed the door and stepped across the passage, and the next moment Phyllis was in his arms.

"I thought you were never coming, old man," she whispered. "I was afraid the brutes had caught you."

"I had a slight difference of opinion with a warrior outside your door," said Hugh, grinning. "Quite like old times."

Then he grew serious. "No time for hot air now, old thing; let's have a look at this jolly old chain effect of yours. Once we're out of here, you shall tell me everything and I'll eat several pounds of mud for having been such an unmitigated idiot as to let these swine get hold of you."

He was examining the steel chain as he spoke, and gradually his face grew grave. The chain, which was about six feet long, was fastened at one end to a big staple in the wall and at the other to a bracket which encircled his wife's right wrist. And the bracelet could only be opened with a



He Had Only to Lower Phyllis Out of the Window and Let Her Drop on the Flower Bed Below.

key. Any idea of breaking the chain or pulling out the staple was so preposterous as not to be worth even a moment's thought; so everything depended on the bracelet. And when he came to examine it more carefully he found that it had a Yale lock.

He sat down on the edge of the bed, and she watched him anxiously.

"Can't you get it undone, boy?" she whispered.

"Not if I stopped here till next Christmas, darling," he answered heavily.

"Well, get out of the window and go for the police," she implored.

"My dear," he said still more heavily, "I had, as I told you, a little difference of opinion with the gentleman outside the door—and he's very dead." She caught her breath sharply. "A nasty man with long arms who attacked me. It might be all right, of course—but I somehow feel that this matter is beyond the local constable, even if I could find him. You see, I don't even know where we are."

He checked the exclamation of surprise that rose to her lips. "I'll explain after, darling; let's think of this now. If only I could get the key; if only I knew where it was, even."

"A foreigner came in about an hour ago," answered his wife. "He had it then. And he said he'd come again to-night."

"He did, did he?" said Hugh slowly. "I wonder if it's my friend the Italian. Anyway, kid, it's the only chance."

Say something; get him into the room and then leave him to me. And if for any reason he doesn't come I'll have to leave you here and raise the gang."

Phyllis alone. And so he decided on a compromise. If when daylight came no one had been up to the room, he would go; but he would wait until then.

And he was just going to tell Phyllis what he had decided, when he heard a sound that killed the words on his lips. A door had opened below, and men's voices came floating up the stairs.

"Lie down, darling," he breathed in her ear, "and pretend to be asleep."

Without a word she did as he told her, while Hugh tiptoed over toward the door. There were steps coming up the stairs, and he flattened himself against the wall—waiting. The period of indecision was passed; unless he was very much mistaken the time of action had arrived. How it would pan out—whether luck would be in, or whether luck would fail was on the lap of the gods.

The steps paused outside the door, and he heard a muttered ejaculation in Italian. Apparently he was concerned over something, and it suddenly dawned on Drummond that it was the absence from duty of the long-armed bird that was causing the surprise. In the excitement of the moment he had forgotten all about him, and for one awful second his heart stood still. Suppose the Italian discovered the body before he entered the room, then the game was up with a vengeance. Once the alarm was given he'd have to run the gauntlet of the whole crowd over ground he didn't know.

But his fears were groundless; the nondiscovery of the watcher by the door took the Italian the other way. His first thought was to make sure that the girl was safe, and he flung open the door and came in. He gave a grunt of satisfaction as he saw her lying on the bed; then like a spitting cat he swung round as he felt Drummond's hand on his shoulder.

With every ounce of weight in his body behind the blow, Hugh hit the Italian on the point of the jaw. Without a sound the man crumpled up and pitched on his face.

And now there was not a moment to be lost. At any moment one of his pals might come upstairs, and everything depended on speed and finding the key. Hugh shut the door and locked it; then feverishly he started to search through the Italian's pockets. Every thing up to date had panned out so wonderfully that he refused to believe that luck was going to fail him now, and sure enough he discovered the bunch. Phyllis was free, and he heard her give a little sob of pure excitement.

He heaved the Italian onto the bed, and snatched the steel bracelet onto his arm. Then he slipped the keys into his own pocket, and crossed to the window. The engine was still humming gently; the thudding noise was still going on; nothing seemed in any way different. No light came from the room below them, everything had worked better than he had dared to hope. He had only to lower Phyllis out of the window, and let her drop onto the flower bed and then follow himself. After that it was easy.

"Come along, darling," he said urgently. "I'm going to lower you out first—then I'll follow. And once we're down, you've got to trice up your skirts and run like a stag across the lawn till we're under cover of those bushes. We aren't quite out of the woods yet."

They were not indeed. It was just as Phyllis let go, and he saw her pick herself up and dart across the lawn, that he heard a terrific uproar in the house below, and several men came pounding up the stairs. He vaulted over the windowsill himself, and lowered himself to the full extent of his arms. Then he too let go and dropped onto the flower bed below. And it was as he was picking himself up, preparatory to following Phyllis—whom he could see faintly across the lawn waiting for him, that he heard someone in the house shout an order in a hoarse voice.

"Switch on the power at once, you d—d fool; switch it on at once!"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## Art and the Haddock

On one of the piers in Portland an old fishmonger told the legend of the queer markings on the haddock. Just about the fish's gills are two dark blotches, like bruises, one on each side. And from each of these marks runs a straight dark line back toward the tail. The haddock, said this fisherman, was the fish with which Christ fed the multitude (though that sounds unlikely). This so annoyed the devil that he tried to avenge himself on the species. He seized one, holding it tightly (hence the bruise mark), but it slipped away. The devil's finger nails made the long scratches on each side; since when all haddocks carry that pattern. And beauty, in any art, is just as elusive as that haddock. It cannot be nabbed between the thumb and finger of any manifesto.—Christopher Morley, in the Saturday Review of Literature.

## Mills for Milk

There is a tradition of a boy from London who was disappointed with the country, where he went for a holiday, because he saw them "pump milk from a dirty old cow."

The boy's idea of artificial milk is within realization, for after manufactured butter we are to have artificial milk. It is already consumed extensively in China and a mill is to be set up in France.

The Chinese drop a powder into water, stir it and it becomes milk. The powder is a soya bean crushed. The French mill is to treat the bean so as to enable the milk powder to be sold in packets. It is said that cheese is obtained by the same process.—London Globe

## New Method That Controls Volume

### Potentiometer Used on Secondary of Last Transformer Excels Jack.

In a number of the newer types of sets you will notice the absence of jacks for obtaining the different stages of volume.

Radio-set designers are making efforts to simplify the building and operation of their receivers, as well as increase their efficiency. The new method of volume control does away with the troublesome moving about of the plug and gives still finer adjustment of the tone and volume.

Not only does it make the set simpler to wire and operate, but actually helps to improve the tone.

Another good point about this control is that it protects the transformers, both from being burned out and from destructive voltages induced in the jack leads. A 500,000-ohm potentiometer is used across the secondary of the last audio transformer and neg-

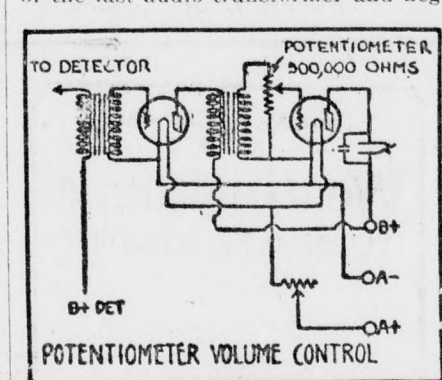


Diagram Showing Best Location for Resistance.

ative filament. The best place to mount the potentiometer is on the panel, in such a position that the leads to the transformer and socket are as short as possible.

Connect it so that you have to turn the dial to the right to increase the volume. If your dial turns to the left to increase, reverse the outside wires. This resistance has been tried in many places, but the best place for it is as shown in the sketch.

## Current Should Flow in Proper Direction

If you have a neutrodyne receiver or any receiver using a two-stage audio-frequency amplifier, the direct current from your "B" battery through the headset or loud-speaker is comparatively large. This is especially so if you are using a high plate voltage on your amplifier tubes. In fact the current drawn from the battery and flowing through the headset is likely to be so high that it will ultimately weaken the magnetism of the magnets in the headset, if the current is not flowing in the proper direction through the headset.

If flowing in the wrong direction the magnetic field set up in the coils of the headset is in the opposite direction to the field of the magnets themselves. These two fields tend to buck each other, and if this is allowed to go on very long the magnetism of the headset will be considerably weakened.

For this reason a number of headset manufacturers supply their headsets with cords whose two terminal wires have "tracer" wires in them. Usually the red tracer is standard. The other wire may have a green, white, yellow or brown tracer. The red tracer terminal should be connected toward the "B" battery and the other terminal toward the plate of the last tube. The tracer wire is a single strand (or several strands bunched together) woven into the braided cord. If your set has jacks for termination of the headset wires, and a plug on the headset or speaker, you will have to trace out the connections of the set to see which way the headset terminals are to be connected to the plug.

In general it is more or less standard to connect the bottom terminal of the jack (the frame of the jack itself) to the "B" battery and the upper spring to the plate. This calls for the red tracer of the headset being connected to the sleeve of the plug, which makes contact with the frame of the jack, and it is insulated by a small bushing from the tip, or round terminal at the end of the plug. The tip should be connected to the other tracer wire.

It is well worth while to have these connections properly poled. In addition to lengthening the life of the magnets in the headset in a number of cases with the correct polarity the magnets are actually strengthened and signals will be louder.

## Should Use Voltmeter to Test Dry Batteries

Now that the winter radio season is here it is time to see that everything concerned with your receiving set is in good condition. One of the first things to do is to have your batteries tested. This test should be made with a voltmeter, while the tubes are turned on. If dry-cell "A" batteries are used, each cell should test at least 1.1 volts. A 22½-volt dry "B" battery should test at least 17 volts, and a 45-volt dry "B" battery should test at least 34 volts.

Storage "B" batteries may be tested with a hydrometer, the same as storage "A" batteries.

Don't try to use an ammeter to test dry "B" batteries or any type of storage batteries. You will ruin the meter and you may also damage the battery.

## Can't Always Find Market for Wisdom

"Learning is a drug on the market nowadays," said President Sumner of Talladega college.

"A fairy," he went on, "appeared to a young mother in a vision and said:

"I offer you child wealth and wisdom. Which gift do you choose for him?"

"Wisdom, of course," the young mother answered. "With wisdom you can obtain wealth, but wealth will never give you wisdom."

"The fairy vanished. The boy grew up. He was so wise and learned that his treatises on philosophy, biology, mathematics, history, art, literature and science were translated into ten languages, and by the time he was fifty he occupied the most important chair in one of our most important universities. Nevertheless, in order to get the wherewithal to attend an educational conference in Switzerland last summer he was glad to undertake the correction of the orthographical, grammatical and other errors in a movie magnate's memoirs at the modest rate of 25 cents an hour."

**Cuticura for Pimples Faces.**  
To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum. Advertisement.

## Great Conceit

Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice told at Williamstown a story about a snobish and conceited nobleman.

"When Mrs. Langtry," he said, "was in the full flower of her beauty and popularity, she found the nobleman at her side one evening at a dinner party."

"Why, Lord Dash!" she said. "This is the third time we've met today!"

"Yaas," drawled the nobleman. "This seems—aw—to be your lucky day."

## On All Teams

Head Coach Lou Young of the University of Pennsylvania was talking about a certain football player.

"He reminds me of a story," said Mr. Young. "It's a story about a farmer's wife who bragged at the sewing circle that her son now played on his college football team."

"What's he play?" a second farmer's wife asked.

"Drawback," said his mother proudly.

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## He Did

Her Father—But, young man, do you think you can make my daughter happy?

Her Suitor—Do I? I wish you could have seen her when I proposed!

## A Good Reason

Uncle—I never married because I never met a girl I could not exist without.

She—In other words, you've always had sufficient to live on, without getting married!—Judge.

## Stand Back, Stand Back

Party—I just got a check from home.

Rough—Pay me the five dollars you owe me, then.

Party—Wait till I tell you the rest of my dream.—Wisconsin Octopus.

## Suspicious

Wife—Dear, you're looking so well these days.

Husband—Listen, I don't want to play bridge again tonight.—Life.

## Mother Was Still There

"It's no use waiting for mother to return."

"Why not?"

"She won't. She hasn't gone out."

## Boy or Tomboy

From a jacket—"This is a book to delight every man or woman who was ever a boy."

## The Big Question

Hewitt—My wife is a great bargain hunter.

Jewett—Did she get you cheap?

## More Economical

"You keep a dog, don't you?"

"No; if we hear a noise in the night we bark ourselves."

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"How gloomy the world would be without sunshine!" he soliloquized, and gazed rapturously at the effect of the transparent dress as it came between him and the golden rays. "And to think that winter is so near at hand!"

**A Compliment**  
Young Author—Do you really like my story?  
Editor—Yes, it's better than the original, I think.—Denver Parakeet.

**Grasshoppers a Plague**  
Grasshoppers have been much more prevalent than usual this year in New England, the Middle Atlantic states and the Ohio valley.

**\$1,000,000 an Hour**  
During the twenty-five months of the World War the expenditures of the United States amounted to about \$1,000,000 an hour.

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W. N. U., San Francisco, No. 51-1925.

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How often have you longed for some relief as you suffered torture from swollen, inflamed muscles and joints—how often have you said you would give anything in the World for a few hours comfort!

But you didn't know that all you had to do to get real relief from this nerve wracking misery was just to build rich, red blood, did you? You didn't know that rheumatism had to be stopped from the inside by building millions of red cells in your poor, weak blood, did you?

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**FIRST METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Hamilton avenue and Webster street,  
Palo Alto  
Sunday, December 20

9:45 a. m. The church school of religious education for all ages. E. D. Lakin, superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Organ prelude, "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel). Anthem by the choir, "Te Deum" (Thayer). Offertory solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby" (Pitts) Mrs. Calvin P. Stone The sermon by the Pastor, "Keeping Christ in Christmas." Organ postlude, "Allegro assai Vivace" (Mendelssohn.)

7:15 o'clock, evening worship—Mr. Grow, organist, will give a pre-service organ recital of the following numbers: "Hymn of Glory" (Yon); "Adeste Fideles" arranged by Lemare; "The Infant Jesus" (Yon). The regular evening service begins at 7:30. The annual Christmas concert by the choir, including the trio, "We Three Kings of the Orient Are" (Hopkins); Offertory solo, "O Night Divine" (Marsh) by Miss Eleanor Moulton; Russian Carols by the Men's Chorus; solo, "There's a Song in the Air" (Speaks) by Major F. H. Forbes. The beautiful candle lighting service will be in charge of Mrs. J. K. Cecil. Organ postlude, "Christmas Postlude" (Best.)

Young peoples' services—4:30 p. m., Junior Epworth League, Mrs. Bessie Kennedy, superintendent.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Annual Christmas program of the Sunday School, "The Nativity," a beautiful pageant, is to be given. The Christmas offering will go for World's Service. Contributions of fruit, clothing and toys to go to the McKinley Orphanage in San Francisco.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Mid-week service. (Special Christmas lesson led by the pastor.)

A cordial invitation to all to attend these services.

C. W. WISE, Pastor.

Funeral services were held in the James Crowe Co. parlors in Redwood City last Saturday for Adolph Werto of Menlo Park who passed away at his home in Santa Cruz avenue on December 9th. Mr. Werto was a native of Germany aged 55 years and had no known relatives here. He has resided in Menlo Park for a number of years and had a wide circle of friends here.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
TO BE HELD AT DOUGLASS  
HOME HERE FOR CHILDREN**

The Misses Ena and Florence Douglass, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Douglass of Valparaiso avenue have extended invitations to all of the school children of the community to attend their annual Christmas tree party to be held on the lawn of Victoria Manor, their home, from 10 o'clock until noon on Christmas morning.

The invitations to this party were delivered personally by the little hostesses last Friday afternoon when they visited the Las Lomas school, the Menlo Park Grammar school and St. Joseph's Parochial school. The children from the Stanford Home for Convalescent Children who are able to come have also been invited and several hundred children of every class, color and creed will make merry and enjoy the true Christmas spirit for two hours next Thursday on the Douglass lawn around the immense Christmas tree.

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A gang of Scientists left on a Boat for a year's cruise to study queer kind of Fish in the South Atlantic Ocean. They should have stayed here in New York and went to see and hear what I did the other day, a real Red Bolshevik meeting. They would have seen queer looking Fish there, Suckers, Eels, Flounders, Bullheads, and every Guy that got up was a big mouth Bass. They denounced everything in America, The Weather, The Constitution, White Gloves for Pall Bearers, Mah Jongg, Lower Taxes, Suspenders, Cross Word Puzzles, Shower Baths, League of Nations and Ice Cream Pies. After looking them all over I found what was the matter with them. There wasn't a one of them knew enough to roll his own. How are you going to improve on a Government if you don't know that much. Every man you see pouring "Bull" Durham into his paper, you can bet he is satisfied with America, because its the old right down to earth Americans that do it.

*Will Rogers*  
P. S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



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Mrs. Norman E. Malcolm, chairman of the fund committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, this week acknowledged the following donations to the swimming pool fund for the U. S. Veteran's Hospital at Menlo Park:

General George F. Evans Corps, No. 36, Redwood City, \$20.  
Robin Hood Circle, No. 57, Neighbors of Woodcraft, \$10.  
Soledad American Legion Auxiliary, \$20.  
Stevenson Unit, No. 91, American Legion Auxiliary, \$5.

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